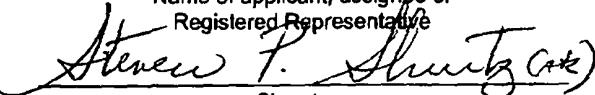


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FOR DISK DRIVE)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2003, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 10 of the paper.

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